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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. SHALEV HAS DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO YOU FROM
ALLON IN RESPONSE TO MY DEMARCHE OF YESTERDAY:

2. THE COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED AFTER THE WEEKLY CABINET MEET-
ING ON SUNDAY, JULY 27, DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY DETAILS OF THE
EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS OR OF THE ISRAELI POSITION.

AS THE SECRETARY IS UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE, THE NEWS MEDIA IN
DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES FROM TIME TO TIME PUBLISH UNAUTHORIZED

AND UNFOUNDED NEWS REPORTS AND ALSO TAKE STATEMENTS BY
CABINET MINISTERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS OUT OF THEIR CONTEXT
AND USE THEM IN THE ARTICLES IN THIS MANNER.

THE ISRAEL BROADCASTING SERVICE (TELEVISION AND RADIO) HAS
THE STATUS OF AN INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY AND NOT OF A GOVERN-
MENT AGENCY. IT OPERATES UNDER THE SAME PRINCIPLES OF

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FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AS DOES ANY ISRAELI NEWSPAPER. THE

ITEM REFERRED TO BY THE SECRETARY IN HIS MESSAGE OF JULY 28
IS FULL OF INACCURACIES IN ITS SUBSTANTIVE PART AND IS
OBVIOUSLY NO MORE THAN MERE SPECULATION BY A NEWSPAPERMAN.

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON FULLY SHARES THE SECRETARY'S CONCERN THAT UNDESIRABLE PUBLICITY, WHATEVER ITS SOURCE, IS LIKELY TO MAKE THE NEGOTIATIONS MORE DIFFICULT. MR. ALLON MUST, HOWEVER, FIRMLY REJECT THE SECRETARY'S ASSUMPTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL IS DELIBERATELY SEEKING TO SABOTAGE THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS. QUITE THE CONTRARY, THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL IS CIRCUMSPECT AND CAREFUL IN THE AUTHORATATIVE STATEMENTS THAT IT ISSUES AND IT CONDUCTS A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE POLICY. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT ARE OF A CLEARLY PROVOCATIVE NATURE -- FOR EXAMPLE, THE JEDDA RESOLUTION, THE WHOLE MANNER IN WHICH THE UNEF MANDATE WAS RENEWED, THE SPEECHES BY PRESIDENT SADAT (SUCH AS THE ONE HE MADE IN KHARTOUM), EGYPTIAN EFFORTS AT THE OAU CONFERENCE AT KAMPALA TO HAVE ISRAEL SUSPENDED FROM THE UNITED NATIONS -- THESE AND OTHER EGYPTIAN ACTIONS FORM A DELIBERATE POLICY DESIGNED TO MAKE THE ATTAINMENT OF AN INTERIM AGREEMENT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT.

THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS DONE AND WILL DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

MR. ALLON WISHES TO EXPRESS TO THE SECRETARY HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE SECRETARY'S TRANSMISSION TO EGYPT OF OUR REVISED PROPOSALS, AND HIS GRATITUDE TO THE SECRETARY FOR HAVING ADDED TO THEM HIS RECOMMENDATIONS AS PROMISED TO AMBASSADOR DINITZ.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER SINCERELY HOPES THAT PRESIDENT SADAT WILL MAINTAIN A SENSE OF REALISM AND WILL TAKE THE SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDATIONS INTO CONSIDERATION, SO THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN INTERIM AGREEMENT CAN BE BROUGHT TO A SPEEDY AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. INGERSOLL

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